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DIARY NOTES

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10 December 1963

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1. [REDACTED] called to request that the Office of Training prepare an outline for a one-day briefing for a group of senior officials such as General Carroll, General Fitch, Tom Hughes, Ambassador Nolting, and Ben Shute. (I have made this request of the Office of Training.)

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2. [REDACTED] reported that the President will go to the LBJ ranch in Texas on 12 December and that we have made the necessary arrangements with the White House Communications Agency.

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3. I returned Matt Baird's proposed two-day abridgment of Project [REDACTED] and in accordance with General Carter's request asked that a new proposal be prepared which is scheduled during the work week between 0900 and 1630 hours.

4. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. General Carter inquired about the status of our Christmas program and decorations. I told him that we had planned a program similar to the one we had last year and that decorations would be going up over the week-end.

b. Larry Houston reported that our early retirement legislation would not receive any further consideration until sometime after 1 January.

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5. General Carter called to say that [REDACTED] has kept calling him for an appointment despite the fact that he honored [REDACTED] appeal several days ago. (I told the Office of Personnel to take care of this situation immediately, which they did.) 25X1A9a

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6. I asked [REDACTED] to call General Starbird and to tell him orally the substance of the letter which we had proposed for Mr. McCone to sign to the Secretary of Defense concerning the NCS Near Term Plan. (This was done, and on 12 December the Director signed the letter.) *H*

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7. [REDACTED] were in to give me a briefing on the activities of the Logistics Services Division.

a. I expressed my unhappiness with the fact that the West Parking Lot lighting system is not yet finished and that I had not been so advised.

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c. In outlining some of the things which he proposed to do in the future, George referred to a greatly expanded instantaneous power system. I said that I doubted very seriously that we were going to undertake this in the near future unless there is some new requirement which I do not know about at the present time.

d. As an economy measure I told Jim not to buy any more rugs or drapes unless the requesting office agrees to pay for them.

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8. [REDACTED] reported that there is a great deal of activity in connection with [REDACTED] and I asked to be briefed on this sometime soon.

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9. I worked with [REDACTED] to prepare letters to the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advising them that because of budgetary limitations we could not go forward with the communications program which we had planned for Fiscal Year 1965. (The Director signed these letters on 12 December, and at the same time General Carter gave us authority to release a cable to the field stations telling them of our plans for curtailment.)

10. Larry Houston advised me that he thought we had a real legal problem in connection with our overtime policy as a result of a recent court opinion. (He and Emmett Echols will be coming to talk with me about it sometime soon.)

11. I had a long talk with John Clarke about his role in connection with the career handling of the budget and finance officers in the area divisions, overseas stations, etc. I told John that, while I realized the budget function was an important part of these jobs and that I would certainly appreciate his input in considering promotions, reassignments, etc., I would have to reserve the right of the Head of the Career Service, and of myself in case of dispute, to make the final decision.

12. Emmett Echols telephoned to say that we had invited a number of people to enter on duty on Monday, 16 December, and still another group for Monday, 23 December. He needed policy guidance as to what to do about this in view of the personnel freeze which has been imposed upon us. (This was resolved on 12 December, and he is to enter on duty the people to whom commitments have been made through the month of December. This action is to be confirmed by a memorandum from Mr. Kirkpatrick.)

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13. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning General Carter reported that Dr. McMillan of NRO had "wire-brushed" the Washington Post about the Simons article on [REDACTED] and that there was nothing further for us to do at the moment about Mr. Hotz and his proposed article in Aviation Week.

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